



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C13  
Serial No.: 09/992,643 Group Art Unit: 1646  
Filing Date: November 14, 2001 Examiner: Kemmerer, Elizabeth  
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**  
**EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EL 993 637 432 US**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS: RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case on January 4, 2005; therefore this response is timely filed and is accompanied with a Petition for Extension of time for three months with necessary fees. Entry of this amendment and consideration of the following arguments is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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